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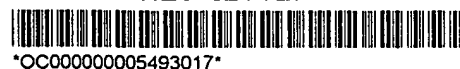
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Applicant: Tsutomu NIWA

Application No.: 09/641,709

Filed: August 21, 2000

For: GAME MACHINE

Attorney Docket: 36595-165795



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) **LETTER SUBMITTING**
) **INVENTOR'S**
) **DECLARATION**
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December 26, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventor for the above-identified application.

The executed Declaration was intended for the above-identified application, Serial No. 09/641,709, filed August 21, 2000. It is submitted that this Declaration should be found as complying with the identification requirement of 37 CFR 1.63 in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 601.01(a) since the Declaration executed by the inventor identifies the application by title and the declaration is accompanied by this cover letter which accurately identifies this application by Serial Number and filing date.

This Declaration is being submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts and a copy of this notice is enclosed herewith.

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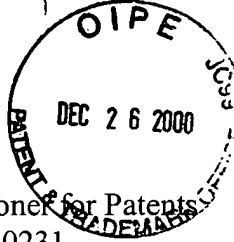
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/641,709
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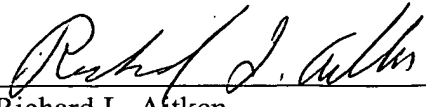
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 23, 2000, submitted herewith are:

- [X] Letter Submitting Inventor's Declaration;
- [X] Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63;
- [X] Surcharge fee of \$130.00;
- [X] Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 23, 2000;
- [X] Claim to priority and certified copy of Japanese Application No. 11-235547 filed on August 23, 1999;
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement; 1449 and three references;

TOTAL FEE SUBMITTED: \$130.00

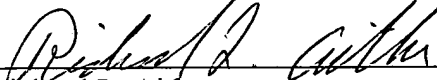
If a greater or lesser fee is required, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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The surcharge for responding to the Notice of Missing Parts of \$130 is submitted
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